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END TEXT.

3. THE CHANCELLERY ADDED THAT THE CHANCELLOR WOULD
ALSO PROBABLY INCLUDE A COMMENT ALONG THE LINES OF
WHAT HE SAID TO THE SPD CAUCUS YESTERDAY. THE TEXT
OF THAT STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION NOT TO PRODUCE THE
NEUTRON WEAPON AT THIS POINT AND TO MAKE HIS PRODUCTION
DECISION DEPENDENT ON SOVIET PERFORMANCE IN ARMS
CONTROL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE WELCOME IF IT WERE NOT
FOR THE PUBLIC SQUABBLE WHICH HAS ACCOMPANIED IT.

SINCE AUTUMN OF 1977, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS
ONSISTENTLY TOLD THE US GOVERNMENT THAT THE FRG CAN-
NOT SHARE IN A DECISION TO PRODUCE THE NEUTRON WEAPON.
THE FRG IS NO NUCLEAR WEAPON STATE. WE HAVE RATIFIED
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THE NPT. WE CANNOT AND WE DO NOT WISH TO GIVE THE IM-
PRESSION AS IF WE WISHED TO SHARE IN THE DECISIONS
REGARDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. WE
HAVE FURTHER TOLD THE US GOVERNMENT THAT, WERE IT TO

DECIDE TO PRODUCE THE WEAPON, WE WOULD WISH TO HAVE THAT WEAPON INCLUDED IN INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD ONLY MAKE AN IMPRESSION IF IT WERE BACKED BY A DECISION TO PRODUCE AND TO DEPLOY THE WEAPON. THEREUPON, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC STATED AS ITS CONDITIONS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON DECISION OF THE NATO ALLIANCE AND THAT THE WEAPON SHOULD NOT BE STATIONED ONLY ON GERMAN SOIL. SINCE JANUARY, THE FRG HAS NOT CHANGED THIS POSITION.

THERE IS IN EUROPE GREAT SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN WEAPONS OF CONTINENTAL RANGE AND IN TANKS. THEREFORE, WHAT WE NEED AS A RESULT OF DISARMAMENT TALKS, IS A BALANCE OF MILITARY STRENGTH AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL.

END TEXT.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE ANY OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PRESS TO QUESTION SECRETARY BROWN ABOUT THIS MATTER BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT FOLLOWS THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH THE CHANCELLOR. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO KEEP SECRETARY BROWN IMMEDIATELY POSTED ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN TOMORROW'S BUNDESTAG DEBATE, WE SHALL HAVE UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE A SUMMARY OF SCHMIDT'S SPEECH AND WILL ALSO GIVE HIM, DURING HIS AFTERNOON MEETING WITH MINISTER APEL, SUCH OTHER INFORMATION ON THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE AS HE MIGHT NEED FOR ANY PRESS CONFERENCE QUESTIONS THAT MIGHT CONFRONT HIM.
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